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The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF FÉLIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY, PRESIDENT OF COTE D'IVOIRE

1. The CHAIRMAN paid tribute to the memory of Félix Houphouët-Boigny.

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, the members of the Committee observed a minute of silence.

3. Mr. KONAN (Côte d'Ivoire) thanked the Chairman and the members of the Committee for their expression of sympathy.

AGENDA ITEM 91: DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (continued)

Draft resolution on an agenda for development (A/C.2/48/L.74)

4. Mr. JARAMILLO (Colombia) introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and said that the Brazilian delegation was prepared to hold informal consultations to ensure that the draft resolution reflected the broad support expressed in the Committee's debate on an agenda for development. He drew particular attention to paragraphs 2 to 5 of the draft resolution, inviting the President of the General Assembly to promote consultations with the broadest possible participation, and to paragraph 7, on the four special plenary meetings to be held at the highest level at the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Draft resolutions on follow-up to the report of the South Commission (A/C.2/48/L.3 and L.67)

5. Mr. RYSIŃSKI (Poland), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.67, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.3, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it.

6. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.67 was adopted.

7. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.3 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft decision on the Third United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (A/C.2/48/L.75)

8. Mr. ARELLANO (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft decision A/C.2/48/L.75, which contained one editorial change, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it.

9. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.75 was adopted.

(d) ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (continued)

Draft resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (A/C.2/48/L.25 and L.73)

10. Mr. ARELLANO (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.73, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.25, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it without a vote.

11. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.73 was adopted.

12. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.25 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

AGENDA ITEM 94: OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT (continued)

AGENDA ITEM 154: UNITED NATIONS INTERIM OFFICES (continued)

Draft resolution on operational activities for development: field offices of the United Nations development system (A/C.2/48/L.70)

13. Mr. RYSIŃSKI (Poland), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.70, which he was submitting to the Committee. The draft resolution had its basis in an informal text that had been submitted by the representative of Colombia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. It contained provisions on field offices in general and used specific language which reflected the interests of the countries that had recently established field offices or were in the process of doing so. Taken as an extension of General Assembly resolution 47/199, on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development within the United Nations systems, the draft resolution provided new insights into the orientation of the future work of the United Nations development system. A separate document would be issued on the draft's programme budget implications.

14. He drew attention to two revisions to be made to the text. First, the phrase "on the basis of informal consultations" should be deleted from the chapeau. Second, the phrase "in particular, those in Assembly resolutions 34/213, 46/182 and 47/199" in paragraph 3 should be moved to the end of that paragraph.

AGENDA ITEM 106: TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH (continued)

Draft resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/48/L.71)

15. Mr. SIDI (Nigeria), introducing the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors, who had been joined by Gabon, Indonesia, Mali and Sierra Leone, said he hoped that the Committee would be able to adopt it by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM 97: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft resolution on an international conference on the financing of development (A/C.2/48/L.4)

16. Mr. RYSIŃSKI (Poland), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, said that paragraph 2 had been amended to read:

> "Requests the Secretary-General to prepare for the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the situation of all potential sources of financing for development, including new and additional sources of financing for development, in order to consider the issue of convening of an international conference on the financing of development".

He recommended the draft resolution, as amended, for adoption without a vote.

17. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.4, as amended, was adopted.

18. Mr. DUGAN (United States of America) said that, while his delegation had joined the consensus, it believed that further consideration of the convening of an international conference on the financing of development, as suggested in paragraph 2, would not be useful. No consensus had ever emerged from the debates on such a conference since it had first been proposed in the Economic and Social Council in 1991 - indeed, the conference had not even been included in the agendas of the past two sessions of the Council. The convening of such a conference would further strain conference resources and might create confusion, since development finance was normally dealt with by the international financial institutions. The General Assembly should address the issue of development as a whole; a conference on just one aspect of it would not be advisable at a time when the Secretary-General was preparing an all-encompassing agenda for development to be considered at the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM 99: IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (continued)

Draft decision on reports requested in General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 (A/C.2/48/L.41)

19. Mr. ARELLANO (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft decision A/C.2/48/L.41, which he was submitting in response to a request from the Commission on Sustainable Development that had been endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it without a vote.

20. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.41 was adopted.

Draft resolution on dissemination of the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (A/C.2/48/L.46)

21. Mr. ARELLANO (Mexico), Vice-Chairman, reporting on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, recommended that the Committee should adopt it without a vote.

22. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.46 was adopted.

Draft resolution contained in the annex to decision 2/4 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/48/226/Add.1)

23. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to decision 2/4 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, which was contained in appendix II of the Committee's report (A/48/226/Add.1, annex). The annex to that decision contained a draft resolution which the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee recommended for adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

24. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) read out the following statement from the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division concerning the programme budget implications of the draft resolution:

> "Regarding the draft resolution proposed in annex to decision 2/4 contained in document A/48/226/Add.1, it should be noted that the provision made under section 8 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 adequately covers the activities of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee and its ad hoc secretariat during the year 1994. As soon as the particulars of the work programme for the year 1995 to be proposed by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its third session become available, the programme budget implications of those activities will be reported to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee and the General Assembly at the forty-ninth session in accordance with established procedure."

25. The draft resolution contained in the annex to decision 2/4 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, was adopted.

26. Mr. AHMIA (Algeria) welcomed the adoption by consensus of the text submitted by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee. He also welcomed the constructive spirit displayed by all delegations and hoped that that same spirit would prevail during the negotiation of the convention and the regional instruments. His delegation was convinced that the international community would demonstrate greater solidarity with Africa during the third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to be held in New York in January 1994,

(Mr. Ahmia, Algeria)

and that the Convention and regional instrument for Africa would be negotiated within the time-frame established by the General Assembly. The necessary financial resources should be provided to enable the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to carry out its mandate effectively.

27. Mr. BIAOU (Benin) said that his delegation supported the statement made by the representative of Algeria. He requested the Secretariat to inform the Committee as to how decision 2/4 would be submitted to the General Assembly.

28. Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Committee) said that the draft decision would be transmitted to the General Assembly in the Committee's report on agenda item 99.

AGENDA ITEM 100: SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (continued) (A/C.2/48/L.39, L.40, L.68 and L.69)

Draft resolutions on emergency assistance to the Sudan (A/C.2/48/L.39 and L.68)

29. Mr. MOHAMED (Sudan) said that his delegation wished to become a sponsor of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.39.

30. Mr. RYSIŃSKI (Poland), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.68, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.39, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it without a vote. He drew attention to the following revisions: the word "country's" in the second line of paragraph 2 should be deleted and, in the same line, the words "of the country, including the recovery and rehabilitation needs," should be inserted after the words "emergency needs".

31. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.68, as orally revised, was adopted.

32. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.39, was withdrawn by the sponsors.

33. Mr. MOHAMED (Sudan) thanked the Committee for its adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.68 by consensus and expressed his gratitude to all donors who had contributed generously to relief work in the Sudan.

Draft resolutions on assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia (A/C.2/48/L.40 and L.69)

34. Mr. RYSIŃSKI (Poland), Vice-Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.69, which he was submitting on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.40, and recommended that the Committee should adopt it without a vote.

35. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.69 was adopted.

36. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.40 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.